

Dear Bill:

First of all, my heartfelt thanks for the photograph of you and Elizabeth, with your dedication, which arrived in Sundsvik just before we left for Fryksås a few days ago. It is really an unusually good picture of you both, and it will remain a lasting souvenir!

We are now in our cabin in the woods and enjoy the isolation. We have however quite a lively time, with Margareta, Ingrid and her children also here. You can well imagine how happy the youngest generation is here out in the country, picking berries and mushrooms, collecting frogs and bugs, and so on.

I am only sorry that they cannot stay so long: Ingrid will leave for the US on Sept. 1st, and as she wants to spend some time in Stockholm too, she and Margareta will only stay one more week in Fryksås.

Annie and I will however remain here until Aug 22nd, when we will return to Sundsvik. We may return here for another brief sojourn in September. In the meantime, I shall have to go down to Zug for a few days, to see Bo's successor, Mr. Nyberg, get a proper start as the boss of CRYSTAL.

I had some time ago a letter from Larry Skinn, confirming that he was leaving for the War College, and that his successor would get in touch with me. This he has not done as yet, and I therefore take the liberty of passing on to you a piece of information which I feel that your old boss should have. - You may have heard that Siemens has developed a random tape device, which has been fitted to their page printer. This was originally done on request from, and according to the Belgians. Now we heard already some months ago that Siemens was offering this equipment to Egypt, and this rumour was confirmed lately. We have warned Siemens now that this will surely be frowned on by the NATO; but I doubt very much that our word shall have much weight with them. But for my own business, /even if I am quite satisfied to keep my end of the "gentlemen's agreement", from purely sentimental reasons, /it is no fun to loose business on this basis.

I have however great fun with the development of our new rotor machines. I can just as well confess that I had felt uneasy about the design of the rotors; now we have had them tested very thoroughly, and they have behaved very well. I don't remember if I told you that we have now the rotors mounted in a way similar to that for the keywheels in the CX-machines, and we also have the same dimensions for them. It will therefore be very easy to remove them from the machine and to put them back again. And also we can use the same bar-drums for both the rotor and the keywheel machines, in a word, we have been able to achieve a considerable standardization of the parts for our different types of machines.

We have also completed the design for the pocket machine, and I am sure you will like it. Bo should get a sample in a couple of months time.

And now it is time for me to finish this letter. I do hope that you did not find me too long-winded!

We trust that you are both well and happy, and we send you our love and affectionate regards,